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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: I. Sherali
MASAMI KATO)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2621
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)	
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Filed: Concurrently Herewith)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD	:	November 17, 2003

**This application is a division under 37 C.F.R
§ 1.53 (b) of Application No. 09/466,907.**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows.